

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) An operating system abstraction layer comprising:

an interface with an operating environment, the operating environment operating independent of underlying operating systems, and wherein the operating environment hides underlying operating systems from its client applications;

an operating system independent module for performing operations that are not related to a target operating system;

an operating system dependent module for performing operations that are related to the target operating system; and

an interface with the target operating system.

2. (Currently Amended) A method for abstracting an operating environment to a plurality of operating systems, the method comprising:

providing an operating environment, the operating environment common to all the different operating systems, and wherein the operating environment hides the different operating systems from its client applications; and

providing a plurality of operating system abstraction layers, each abstraction layer designed to abstract the operating environment to at least one targeted operating system.

3. (Original) The method of claim 2 wherein each abstraction layer has a same operating system dependent module and a different operating system independent module.

4-5. (Canceled).